

Importance of Farming and the Agri-food Industry

CLARE



Farm Structure

- Number of Farms – 6,491
- Average Farm Size – 32.5 ha
- Land area farmed – 211,016 ha
- Numbers employed at farm level (FTE) – 7,854
- Numbers employed in aquaculture (FTE) - 37
- Stock on farm
 - Number of dairy cows – 27,959
 - Number of other (beef) cows – 76,407
 - Number of ewes – 15,323
 - Number of sows – 1,052
 - Land area under tillage – 69 ha
 - Number of poultry – 5,321

Forestry

- Land area under private forestry – 30,533 ha
- Output from private forestry – 48,030 m³

Farm Income and Direct Payments

- Farm Income – €78 m
- Direct Payments
 - Basic Payment - €46m
 - ANCs – €13m
 - BDGP - €3 m
 - Agri-environment payments - €8.5m
 - Forestry Premium – €5.6m

Value of Output and Exports

- Value of Agricultural Output - €204 m
 - Value of Aquaculture Output - €0.8m
 - Value of Agricultural Exports arising from the agricultural output in county - €299m

Agri-Industry Employment

- Agriculture in Clare supports thousands of jobs in the rural economy, both directly in food & drink processing and also in the wider agri-industry, including input suppliers, agricultural contractors, jobs in auctioneering, transport and engineering and in accountancy, legal, veterinary and other advisory services.
- Number of food and drink processing jobs supported by agricultural output of county – 1,436
- Number of food and drink processing jobs based in the local region (Mid-West – Clare, North Tipperary, Limerick) – 4,524